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News Release

44 ILLEGAL ALIENS ARRESTED AT KANSAS FACTORY

Critical infrastructure protection goal of arrests where nuke plant cooling towers made

OLATHE, Kan.— U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents arrested 44 illegal aliens here Monday who were working at the Marley Cooling Technologies factory, where cooling towers for nuclear power plants are made.

The arrests are part of ICE's continuing efforts to protect critical infrastructure and assets by ensuring only authorized workers are afforded access to strategic resources and facilities.

The illegal aliens arrested had used fraudulent documents and made false statements to gain employment at the facility. Those arrested originate from five countries, including El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya and Mexico. Thirty-eight are from Mexico.

All are in ICE custody and are being processed for removal from the United States.

"Two key missions of ICE is to protect the nation's critical infrastructure and identify and arrest aliens illegally residing in the United States," said Special Agent Nemo Britton, resident agent-in-charge of ICE Kansas City investigations. "In this case, we were able to accomplish both missions at the same time."

Marley Cooling Technologies cooperated with the investigation.

The Olathe Police Department, Johnson County Sheriff's Department, Kansas Highway Patrol, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, and U.S. Marshal Service assisted in the arrests.

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